

A conversation with Roberta Jacobson Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs

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Poverty in Latin America is the lowest it has been since 1990. According to the IMF, poverty in the region dropped from 48.4% to 31.4% in the last two decades. Yet 177 million people remain in poverty, particularly indigenous, Afro-descendant, and rural communities. State Department's Pathways to Prosperity is a multi-sector initiative designed to promote widespread social and economic inclusion. Working with 15 partner countries including Colombia, Mexico, Guatemala, and Chile, Pathways is focused on expanding small business development, strengthening public-private partnerships, infrastructure financing, and increasing market access for female entrepreneurs throughout the region.

Please join Congressman Sam Farr at 10:00 am Thursday, December 6th to learn more about this initiative and the prospects for broadbased prosperity in the hemisphere.

Featuring

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Pathways to Prosperity in the Americas is part of an on-going monthly briefing series hosted by Congressman Farr called Latin America on the Rise, which brings in a diversity of speakers to address emerging and emergent issues in the Western Hemisphere. If you have any questions, please contact Caitie Whelan (

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